

**James Madison to John Quincy Adams, June 7,  
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**TO J. Q. ADAMS. MAD. MSS.**

Montpellier June 7, 1819

Dear Sir I have duly received your letter of the 1st: instant. On recurring to my papers for the information it requests, I find that the speech of Col: Hamilton in the Convention of 1787,<sup>1</sup> in the course of which he read a sketch of a plan of Government for the U. States, was delivered on the 18th of June; the subject of debate being a resolution

<sup>1</sup> See *ante*, Vol. III., p. 182.

proposed by Mr. Dickinson "that the Articles of Confederation ought to be revised and amended so as to render the Government of the U. States adequate to the exigencies, the preservation, and the prosperity of the Union." I pray you accept, Sir, assurances of my great consideration and esteem.